(b) the steps proposed to be taken to fully utilise the capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH): (a) During the Seventh Plan BHEL is expected to achieve capacity utilisation of 48 per cent in the case of thermal sets and 31 per cent in the case of hydro sets. Capacity utilisation is largely linked with the investment envisaged in the power sector.

(b) Product diversification and strengthening of services & spares supply for the Power Sector are among the measures being taken to improve capacity utilisation.

Industrial Growth rate

*300 .SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) what is the growth rate achieved by industry during the last financial year;

(b) the growth rate targeted for the current financial year; and

(c) whether it is likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF I HE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH): (3) to (c) According to C.S.O. Index of Industrial Production, a rate of growth of 6.5 per cent was achieved during 1984-85 over 1983-84.

The Seventh Five Year Plan (1985-90) envisages an average annual rate of growth of 8 per cent in industrial production. The period April-August 1985, compared with April-August 1984, registered a growth of 6.2 per cent in industrial production.

High cost of life saving drugs

@2099. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of life saving drugs in the country has been increased many-folds in the recent, months by the drug manufacturing com panies and have become outof reach c.l the common man; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to reduce the prices of life saving drugs to reasonable levels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAI CHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The prices of over 70 per cent of the medicines are controlled under the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 197* which was issued under the Essential Commodities Act.

विजयपुर, मध्य प्रदेश में निर्माणाधीन खाद के कारखाने के लिये गैस पाइप लाइन का बिछाया जाना

@@2100. **श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश के गुना जिले में विजयनगर में निर्माणाधीन खाद के कारखाने के लिये बिछायी जाने वाली गैस की पाइप लाइन हेतु अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय टेंडर आमंत्रित किये गये थे;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इससे पूर्व यह गैस-पाइप-लाइन एक भारतीय कम्पनी द्वारा बिछायी जानी थी;

(ग) यदि हां, तो पूर्व निर्णय को बदलने के क्या कारण हैं तथा उक्त कारखाने के पूरा होने तथा गैस-पाइप लाइन बिछाये जाने में कितना विलम्ब होने की संभावना है;

(घ) क्या उक्त कार्य के लिये अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय टेंडर आमंत्रित कर लिये गये हैं तथा उन्हें स्वीकार कर लिया गया है ; और

@@ पूर्वतः अतारांकित प्रश्न 1297, 29 नवम्बर, 1985 से स्थानान्तरित ।

(ङ) किन-किन देशों के टेंडरों को स्वीकार किया गया तथा किस दर के टेंडर स्वीकार किये गये ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री नवल किशोर शर्मा): (क) गैस अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड/ इंजीनियर्स इंडिया लिमिटेड द्वारा जून-जुलाई 1985 में 1730 कि०मी० लम्बी एच०बी०जे० गैस पाइप लाइन बिछाने के लिय विश्व-व्यापी निविदायें आमंत्रित की थीं ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(घ) और (ङ) विश्वव्यापी निविदा के प्रत्युत्तर में प्राप्त बोलियों का मूल्यांकन किया जा रहा है ।

Report on th$_e$ purchase of R.G. Shaw & Co.

2101. SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Company Law Board had appointed an Inspector to go into the details of the purchase of R. G. Shaw and Company (incorporated in U.K.) by the Hong Kong based Carrasco Limited owned by Mr. M. R. Chhabra;

(b) whether the Inspector has since submitted the report; and

(c) if so, what are the details there of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH): (a) The'Company Law Board had appointed an Inspector u|s 247 of the Companies Act. 1956 to investigate and report *infer alia* on the membership of M/s. Shaw Wallace & Co. Ltd. and other relevant matters with particular reference to the shares held there-in by R.G. Shaw & Co. Ltd., ami its wholly owned subsidiaries.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Company Law Board, in the course of proceedings in the matter before it, had decided, in pursuance of proviso to sub-section 5 of se;tion 247 of Companies Act, not to divulge the contents of the report of the Inspector to any person. This aspect of the matter is also sub-judice in a writ petition filed by a Director of M|s. Shaw Wallac; and Company Ltd. in the Calcutta High Court.

Rights of shareholders of M|s. R.G. Shaw & Co. London

@@2102. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Company Law Board on October 31, 1985 had considered the rights of Share-holders of M/s. R.G. Shaw & Company, London;

(b) if so, what was the verdict of the Company Law Board; and

(c) whether any objections have been raised against the verdict of the Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) The order of Company Law Board dated 31st October, 1985 pertains to proceedings under Sections 250 and 409 of Companies Act, 1956, arising out of two petitions made by certain shareholders and a Director respectively of M|s. Shaw Wallace & Co. Ltd., seeking imposition of restricitons on the shares held by certain shareholder in M|s. Shaw Wallace & Company Ltd. and for prevention of change in its Board of Directors. The question of considering! the rights of shareholders of M/s. R. G. Shaw & Company, London, therefore, does not arise.

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